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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: RETAINER

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2002—the period for response having been extended to June 24, 2002 (June 23 being a Sunday) by an appropriate extension of time and a check filed herewith—please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice and/or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

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1. (Amended) A machined retainer, of a rolling bearing, made of a material wherein crystals of intermetallic compound are dispersed in a base material comprising a Cu alloy, wherein the Cu alloy contains Pb in an amount in the range of from greater than 0 wt% to 0.4 wt% or lower.

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4. (Amended) The retainer as set forth in claim 18, wherein said retainer has a surface hardness which is 110 or higher in Vickers hardness (HV).